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In re Application of FRASER, A. et al.

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A COMPACT DISK

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL) AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants' undersigned representative acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated February 27, 2002. The Notice indicated that the application did not include an Abstract, which is now required for preliminary evaluation before examination.

Accordingly, presented below is an amendment to the prior filed application that provides the required Abstract. A copy of the Abstract on a single sheet is also attached hereto. Entry and consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

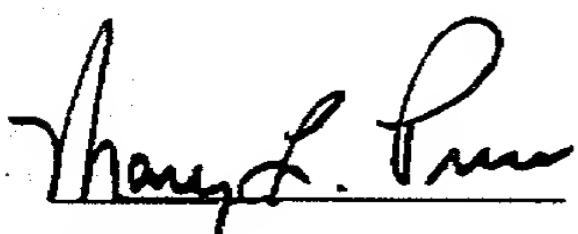
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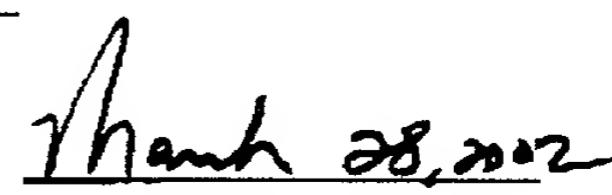
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ABSTRACT

The apparatus comprises: a base portion (1); inwardly extending radial arms (2) resiliently cantilevered from the base portion (1); disk-engaging means (3) at the inner ends of the arms (2) for releasably engaging the central hole of a disk (11) and supporting the center of the disk (11) away from the base portion (1). Each arm (2) has first pivot means (9) in the region where the arm (2) joins the base portion (1) and second pivot means (10) radially inward thereof. Depression of the disk-engaging means (3) towards the base portion (1) causes the inner ends of the arms (2) and the center of the disk (11), to be depressed towards the base portion (1), the arms (2) initially pivoting about the first pivot means (9) and subsequently pivoting about the second pivot means (10) until retention of the disk (11) by the disk-engaging means (3) is released. This enables the thickness of the apparatus to be reduced, e.g. to 4 mm or less. Due to the presence of the second pivot means (10), the periphery of the base portion (1) also tends to rise when the disk-engaging means (3) is depressed to help in ejecting the

Remarks

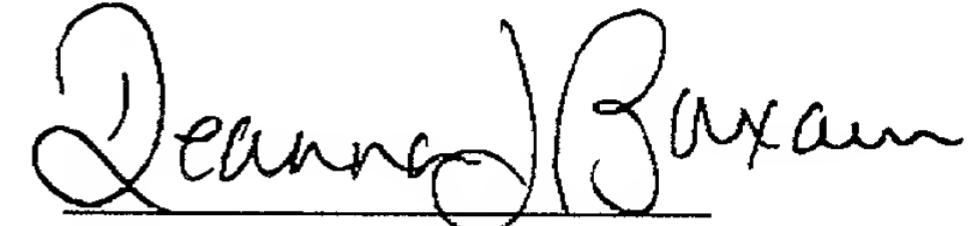
The submitted text finds support in the originally filed specification at pages 1-2. No new matter is presented in the filing of this Abstract. This submission should satisfy the requirements of the Notice of Incomplete Reply.

Applicants' representative has been informed by a representative of the Initial Patent Examination Division that no fee or surcharge is necessary, and this reply is therefore being filed commensurate with that recommendation. No additional fees are believed to be due, however, if it is later determined that any such fees are necessary, they will be remitted upon receipt of the appropriate notification.

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Should there be any additional issues relating to this filing, Applicants' representative may be contacted at the telephone number below.

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